APPENDIX A-18

Recommendation to the State Water Resources Control Board Concerning the Designation of Terrace Point in Santa Cruz County as an Area of Special Biological Significance

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL COAST REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 76-10

RECOMMENDATION TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF TERRACE POINT IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY AS AN AREA OF SPECIAL BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

WHEREAS:

- 1. The State Water Resources Control Board has adopted a Water Quality Control Plan, Ocean Waters of California;
- 2. This plan established the concept of designating some ocean waters as Areas of Special Biological Significance to afford special protection for marine life to the extent that waste discharge requirements or other procedures will not insure;
- 3. Such areas are to be designated by the State Water Resources Control Board after public hearings by the Regional Board and review of the Regional Board's recommendation;
- 4. Testimony was received by the Central Coast Regional Board concerning the Terrace Point area of Santa Cruz County as an Area of Special Biological Significance at hearings on February 9, 1973 and March 9, 1973;
- 5. The Regional Board did not include Terrace Point in its list of areas recommended to the State Board for consideration because of insufficient evidence;
- 6. The State Water Resources Control Board received further testimony regarding Terrace Point as an Area of Special Biological Significance at its hearing on March 21, 1974, but remanded it to the Regional Board for further hearing and recommendation:
- 7. After due notice, including publication in the Santa Cruz Sentinel, a third hearing was held by the Regional Board on November 19, 1976, pertaining to the designation of Terrace Point as an Area of Special Biological Significance;
- 8. Testimony for and against designating Terrace Point as an Area of Special Biological Significance was received at that hearing;
- 9. After considering all testimony received, the hearing panel did agree upon a recommendation to be submitted to the Regional Board.
- 10. At its regular meeting on December 10, 1976, the Board did receive the recommendation of the hearing panel and did review the record of the hearings concerning this matter;
- 11. The Board finds that adequate protection of water quality and beneficial uses can be provided through waste discharge requirements, permits, and aforementioned

activities, and that designation of the Terrace Point area as an Area of Special Biological Significance is not warranted;

NOW. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, recommends to the State Water Resources Control Board that Terrace Point not be considered for the designation of Area of Special Biological Significance; and, furthermore,
- 2. That copies of this resolution and the Board's staff report and copies of all other evidence presented, be transmitted to the State Water Resources Control Board.
- I, KENNETH R. JONES, Executive Officer of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, on December 10, 1976.

Executive Officer